

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 17, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 219, 2/9/2017; SB 243, 2/14/2017; SR 24, 2/9/2017

Executive Action: Do Pass As Amended: SB 195, SB 216
Tabled: SB 217

00:00:02 Chair Buttrey

00:01:28 Vice Chair Brown assumed the role of chair.

HEARING ON SB 219

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:46 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 219. Revise laws related to exemptions for certain divisions of lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:16 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:06:41 James Anderson, Government Affairs, Montana Association of Realtors

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus35a01)

00:09:16 Jennifer Olson, administrator, Community Development Division, Department of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:12 Sen. Connell

00:11:56 Sen. Buttrey redirect

00:12:22 Ms. Lynch, MLCT

00:12:37 Sen. Connell

00:13:21 Ms. Lynch

00:13:42 Chair Brown

00:14:37 Ms. Lynch

00:15:01 Sen. Small

00:15:06 Ms. Lynch

00:15:35 Chair Brown

00:15:51 Ms. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:00 Sen. Buttrey

00:16:48 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:39 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SR 24. Confirm Governor's appointees to business-related boards

[EXHIBIT\(bus35a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:55 Sen. Buttrey

00:19:58 Chair Brown

Committee Business:

00:20:02 Chair Buttrey assumed the role of chair.

HEARING ON SB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:06 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 243. Revise Montana mortgage act to create an exemption for certain loan originators.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:38 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company (SFIC)

[EXHIBIT\(bus35a03\)](#)

00:31:22 Keith Berlin, State Farm Insurance Company

00:36:47 Dan Rust, insurance agent, State Farm Insurance Company, Bozeman

00:38:26 Lyle Mitchell, insurance agent, State Farm Insurance Company, Columbia Falls

00:40:42 Mike Miller, insurance agent, State Farm Insurance Company, Helena

00:42:16 David Jensen, sales leader, State Farm Insurance Company, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:43 Melanie Hall, commissioner, Banking and Financial Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

00:52:36 Carin McClain, Montana's Credit Unions (MCU)

00:53:27 Mike Richter, regional officer, First Community Bank, Glasgow

00:57:05 Amy Quarles, chief financial officer, First Security Bank, Helena
 01:00:00 Jim Brown, Montana Independent Banker's Association
 01:01:28 Steve Turkiewicz, president, Montana Banker's Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:20 Sen. Facey
 01:07:24 Ms. Hall, DOA
 01:07:50 Sen. Vance
 01:08:22 Ms. Hall
 01:09:05 Sen. Brown
 01:14:03 Ms. Hall
 01:14:41 Sen. Salomon
 01:15:24 Mr. Van Horssen, SFIC
 01:16:14 Sen. Facey
 01:17:05 Ms. McClain, MCU
 01:17:40 Sen. Facey
 01:18:12 Ms. Hall
 01:20:03 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 01:22:37 Ms. Hall
 01:22:44 Chair Buttrey
 01:24:00 Ms. Hall

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:16 Sen. Connell

 01:32:43 Chair Buttrey
 01:34:05 Sen. Smith
 01:34:08 Chair Buttrey
 01:34:14 Sen. Brown
 01:34:16 Chair Buttrey

Additional Testimony, Hearing on SB 216:

Note: Testimony continued from 2/15/2017

01:35:39 Catherine Burton, National Association of Professional Agents (NAPA), National Association Insurance and Financial Advisers (NAIFA)

Questions

01:36:29 Chair Buttrey
 01:37:36 Ms. Burton, NAPA
 01:38:03 Sen. Facey
 01:38:18 Ms. Burton
 01:38:23 Sen. Brown
 01:42:13 Ms. Burton

01:42:28 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:42:33 Ms. Burton
01:45:05 Chair Buttrey
01:45:35 Ms. Burton
01:45:40 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:46:08 Ms. Burton
01:46:32 Chair Buttrey
01:46:35 Ms. Burton
01:46:40 Sen. Facey
01:48:47 Ms. Burton
01:49:13 Chair Buttrey
01:49:19 Ms. Burton
01:49:59 Sen. Facey
01:50:06 Chair Buttrey
01:50:17 Sen. Facey
01:50:21 Chair Buttrey
01:51:26 Ms. Burton
01:52:24 Chair Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 216

01:52:53 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 216 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:53:20 Chair Buttrey

01:53:41 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 216 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus35a04)

Discussion:

01:54:02 Sen Brown
01:54:20 Chair Buttrey
01:54:22 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:54:46 Sen. Facey

01:54:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:55:07 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 216 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:55:18 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:56:09 Sen. Facey
01:56:16 Chair Buttrey

01:56:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 217

01:56:32 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 217 DO PASS.**

01:57:01 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 217 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus35a05)

Discussion:

01:57:31 Sen. Brown

01:57:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:57:35 Chair Buttrey
01:57:56 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:58:04 Sen. Connell

01:58:19 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 217 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:58:42 Sen. Connell
02:00:19 Sen. Facey
02:00:29 Sen. Fitzpatrick

02:02:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:02:14 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 217 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:02:31 Sen. Facey

02:03:12 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye.

02:04:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 217 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 195

02:04:17 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 195 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:04:00 Chair Buttrey
02:04:34 Sen. Connell
02:04:50 Sen. Brown

02:04:00 Sen. Salomon left the hearing.

02:04:55 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 195 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus35a06)

Discussion:

02:05:11 Sen. Connell

02:05:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Salomon voted by proxy.

02:06:06 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 195 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:06:28 Sen. Facey

02:07:20 Chair Buttrey

02:07:31 Sen. Brown

02:08:02 Sen. Connell

02:09:27 Sen. Fitzpatrick

02:10:04 Sen. Facey

02:10:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Brown voting no. Sen. Salomon voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

02:10:51 Chair Buttrey

02:11:37 Sen. Facey

02:11:48 Chair Buttrey

02:12:05 Sen. Connell

02:12:25 Chair Buttrey

02:12:49 Sen. Smith

02:12:58 Chair Buttey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:13 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus35aad.pdf](#))